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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, especially for use in sports activities, characterized in that the sole presents a rounded stepping area (13) said rounded stepping area being constructed and arranged in the shape of an arch (131), said arch being directed outward.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one climate channel (26) is provided in the stepping area (13).

5. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 4, characterized in that the air channels (25) are provided on the inner side of the leg and/or on the outer side of the leg of the sock.

6. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 5, characterized in that the air channels (25) ~~in the stepping area (13)~~ are connected with at least one climate channel (26) in the stepping area (13).

7. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 6, characterized in that the climate channels (26) in the stepping area (13) present an arc-shaped pattern.

8. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 7, characterized in that the climate channels (26) present partial narrowings (261).

9. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 8, characterized in that the climate channels (26) present a substantially circular cross section.

10. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 9, characterized in that the climate channels (26) are interconnected by a central channel (262).

11. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 10, characterized in that air channels (25) and the climate channels (26) are made of the same material.

12. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 11, characterized in that the air channel (25) consists of a climate regulating cross knitted fabric.

13. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 12, characterized in that the climate channel (26) consists of a climate regulating cross knitted fabric.

14. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 13, characterized in that sock is fitted with an X-Cross bandage (24).

15. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 14, characterized in that the sock presents pads (22, 23).

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim ~~2~~ 1, characterized in that the air channels (25) are provided on the inner side of the leg and/or on the outer side of the leg of the sock.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim ~~4~~ 17, characterized in that at least one climate channel (26) is provided in the stepping area (13).

20. (Currently Amended) A Sock sock, according to Claim 19, characterized in that the air channels (25) ~~in the stepping area (13)~~ are connected with at least one climate channel (26) in the stepping area (13).